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Dear Parent/Carer

We only get better by trying new things and as you can see, we are trying a slightly different format for our fortnightly Hazeley update. This edition poses a series of questions and allows you to read on for the answers to those that are relevant to you.

Is your child interested in Art?

The Hazeley Year 7 Student Council have put together a House arts competition to support the understanding of animal extinction. This is linked to the international Endangered Species Day on 21 May. Progress Leaders and Form Tutors will be encouraging students to enter following a presentation about the context, circumstances and list of animals that are endangered. The competition is to design a piece of artwork or bake something to represent the issues around animal extinction. The closing date of the competition is 11 June, and all entries should be sent to lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com.

Do you want to find out more about how you can support your child's mental health?

Produced by Deputy Headteacher, Amit Singh Kalley, 'What do Parents Know?' is a series of interviews with professionals in the field of mental health and people with lived experience addressing a variety of issues that affect 21st Century teenagers. Each episode provides practical advice and guidance for parents to help them deal with aspects of mental health and wellbeing and to support their children in managing it. Current episodes include Teenage Mental Health, Bullying / Cyberbullying and Gambling. New episodes are released on Mondays. The podcast can be accessed here: <https://whatdoparentsknow.buzzsprout.com/1591687>

Do you want your child and others to benefit from walking or cycling to school?

Click on the link - [Stars Award \(thehazeleyacademy.com\)](https://thehazeleyacademy.com) to see some of the travel initiatives being run this term as part of the STARS national award.

Are you wondering about your next home testing kit?

We have received the next round of home testing kits so please look out for your children to be bringing these home on Friday.

Do you want to know what has been going on with Parent Voice?

This week we held an online Parent Voice session where we discussed the future of online learning. It was great to see our Hazeley parents supportive of our vision of how online learning will complement and enhance quality face to face learning, whilst giving us a healthy dose of scepticism. Parents were clear that students need more frequent access to Teams and suggested we partner with local leaders in business, culture and the arts further to help us enrich education. Blue sky thinking at its best!

Is your child in Year 10? Do you want them to be well prepared for Year 11?

This week we have launched the golden ticket which is an initiative to support Year 10 in being as prepared as possible to make the transition into their final examination year in September. The golden ticket is designed to support them to:

- Ensure they complete classwork and coursework to the highest level.
- Complete of any missing work.
- Guide them to achieve their Target Grade.
- Celebrate their success.

Please ask to see their golden ticket and support them with this process. If you have any queries concerning the initiative, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Soper on asoper@thehazeleyacademy.com.

Do you want to know more about what the Hazeley community has been doing around Eid & Ramadan?

Students from all year groups have been able to use the prayer rooms at Hazeley for thoughts, reflections and prayers for Ramadan. Mr Iqbal has been doing readings and discussions with the year 9 prayer group and this has led to thoughtful reflection. Central to the Muslim faith across the globe is the belief and practice of the five pillars of Islam.

Do you want to find out more about recycled uniform?

Since the first lockdown we have run a couple of events to facilitate the recycling of uniform to support our community and as they proved very popular, we would like to run another event to support our upcoming Year 7 families.

We would also then like to host a "swap shop" event on 3rd July for current students to enable the swapping of uniform that may now be too small, in exchange for the same item in the next size up ready for September.

Are you a Year 11 parent whose child will no longer need school uniform?

If so, you could help us to run these events by donating before noon on 21st June. All donations would be gratefully received via the uniform collection box in Reception.

We will then ensure it is washed or quarantined and made ready for the events.

If there are any other parents who have surplus/unwanted uniform that you would be happy to donate without exchanging for another item, please feel free to also drop off to Reception. Your donations will be gratefully received.

Do you want to help your child find their ideal career?

Next week students in Year 7-9 will have a presentation on the current employment prospects in Milton Keynes and how they might use this information and Unifrog to help plan their next steps and their own career pathway. The following link will take you to the presentation, should you wish to watch it and discuss with your son/daughter.

- [The Hazeley Academy - Careers Guidance for students](#)

Do you want your child's opinion to be shared in a national survey?

Many of you will have engaged with the project already, but if you haven't you can follow this link to find out more: [The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England](#) [Children's Commissioner for England](#) (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk). I would encourage all our learners to have their voice heard and take part in what will be the largest consultation of young people ever seen in England.

How can we alleviate 'period poverty'?

Period products, such as pads and tampons, should be available for all who need them, when they need them, in order to access education. Having periods should not be a barrier to education for any learner. Period products are available for your child from Student Services at break or lunch time.

Do you want to share your views on women's health?

The government has launched a [call for evidence to better understand women's experiences of the health and care system](#).

The call for evidence will form the basis of a landmark government-led Women's Health Strategy, to improve the health and wellbeing of women across England.



Everyone aged 16 and over is welcome to contribute to the call for evidence. The easiest way to participate as an individual is by [completing the public survey](#), which is quick to fill in and easily accessible from mobiles. The consultation closes at 11:45pm on 13 June 2021. Please feel free to share this information with family and friends.

I hope that you found the questions interesting and the answers useful. As always if you have any questions or comments then please don't hesitate to email us on enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com

Kind regards
Mr Nelson